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CLANCY RIGGS #51

A real collector, a true gentleman, and a good friend of many of us passed away on Friday, April 14, 1978. Clancy had been sick for some time, and knew that sooner or later his illness would result in death. Still, he maintained an optimistic outlook and never complained about his fate despite having to endure pain and to take treatments which in themselves were an ordeal. He died at the age of 68.

Clancy had collected tokens for many years--at least 20. Over that period of time he built up exceptionally fine collections of merchant tokens from the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon. He traveled about those states seeking out material for his collections as well as gathering historical information. In addition, he carried on correspondence with many collectors. Clancy also collected postcards from those states.

In November 1976, I purchased Clancy's collection of exonumia with the exception of the ID tokens which, with my agreement, was sold to another collector. The tokens of WA and OR each numbered about 5000 pieces; Clancy told me that these were the largest collections for those states. He was especially proud of his town collections from those states. The collection also included a fine representation of Montana tokens, as well as a wide variety of other exonumia, including some very rare material.

Over the years Clancy and I traded tokens. He sent me California tokens I could use, and I sent him Washington and Oregon tokens he could use. We never kept track of who sent what, or how much was owed to the other fellow. And I know we both thought we were coming out ahead on the arrangement.

I never heard Clancy say anything bad about another collector. He was a man of high moral principles, however, and did get angry when talking about those few individuals who have tried to take advantage of other collectors by issuing fake tokens or making restrikes from old dies.

Clancy had worked on the railroad, and retired from that job several years ago. Clancy was also very handy with carpentry work, and he was especially proud of all the remodeling he had done on his home in Portland.

He leaves behind his wife Dorothy who, like the rest of us, will miss Clancy very much. - DHF

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MAY 20--Saturday. Regional WESTS meeting at the home of Ron Lerch, 2901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, Cal. Members of the Bay Area Token Society (BATS) will also be attending this meeting which will get underway at noon and last until 5 PM. Drivers should exit at the 16th Street exit from the Route 80 Freeway--Ron's place is nearby. If directions are needed, call Ron at 916-447-0753. Tokens, postcards and antique paper should see a lot of attention.

June 25--Sunday. Something different is being tried this year for the annual regional meeting in Nevada. Bill Wright has arranged for us to have space at the Convention Center in Hawthorne, Nevada. There will be lots of tables and chairs, and we should have ample room for the large turnout expected. We have the room all day, so things will get underway at 9 AM, and may last until 5 PM. There will be some collectors arriving on Saturday, possibly even Friday, and they are urged to stay at the El Capitan (which operates the Convention Center. If you want to stay at the El Capitan, however, you are urged to make early reservations as that is a popular place which usually fills on the weekends. Mention WESTS when you reserve; telephone 702-945-3321. This could be a mini-convention. Tokens will take the spotlight, but I do know that there will be postcards brought by some of those attending. This location is convenient for many of the Nevada collectors as well as for a number of collectors residing in California. Hope to see you there!

July 16--Sunday. Note this is a change in date from that previously announced. This regional WESTS meeting, also to be attended by members of BATS, will be held at the home of Duane Feisel, 869 Gardenia Way, Los Altos, CA, starting at noon and running to 5 PM. John Coffee, editor for 30 years of THE FARE BOX (publication of the 550 member American Vecturist Association), and from Boston, Mass., will be a guest at the meeting. As usual, families are invited to this informal meeting. Swimming will be available. Location is near the intersection of El Monte Ave. with Foothill Expressway or with Route 280--call for more specific directions if needed at 415-941-2690. This meeting is ordinarily well attended with lots of action in tokens and this year perhaps in postcards.

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= SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT =
by Duane H. Feisel

This should be the last secretary-treasurer's report that I prepare now that our recently elected officer is now on a full-time job. Let him tell you about it as I quote from a letter received from William Williges Jr.: "I finally got a job that is in my field. I'm working in Orland, CA, for Musco Olive, Inc. Right now I'm working on perfecting a fast reliable method for determining and distinguishing sulphur dioxide and Vitamen C in yellow peppers, giardianera and cauliflower (all products we produce." Congratulations, Bill!

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

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ADDRESS CHANGES

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: - Now that we have our new secretary-treasurer on the job, a new membership application form has been prepared. Enclosed with this issue is a copy of that form. How about passing it along to someone you know who might be interested in our Society? Also, if you know someone interested in what we are all about, I will send a sample copy of the LEDGER for 24¢ in postage stamps, the mailing cost. Our organization should be of interest to many collectors--all we have to do is reach them. - DHF

WESTS AT CSNA: - Convention Chairman O.L. "Wally" Wallis has written to say that he was pleased that WESTS participated at the recent CSNA show in San Francisco, and thanked us for all the "plugs" for the Convention that appeared in the LEDGER.

An invitation has been extended to WESTS to meet again at a CSNA convention, this one taking place in Southern California at the Airport Marina Hotel In Los Angeles in late October. Tentatively we are scheduled for a meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 28. Now all that is needed is someone to act as coordinator for the meeting and to drum up some interest among the collectors in the area. How about it Southern California collectors--do you want to have a meeting at that time? If so, who is willing to chair the event? - DHF

4 May 1978 - As it has been less than two weeks since I wrote up the editor's message for the February Ledger, there is not much to report. We are just about back onto normal publishing schedule, and intend to hold to it as best we can. So, as usual, we have to implore your cooperation, by sending us articles, bits of news, newspaper clippings, complaints, etc.--anything you feel the membership ought know about!

The spring coin show season is now well underway, but the exonumia pickings have been dismal. I seem scarcely to find any new California medallic pieces any longer, other than newly issued pieces, and even new issues are considerably reduced these days, surely in reaction to the spate of issues that accompanied the Bicentennial celebrations in 1976.

INTERESTING BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES: - Steve Album has given me a sale catalogue from the University Press of Seattle, WA, which offers books on a wide range of subjects at what seem to be bargain prices. Some of these books should be of interest to some members of our Society. One problem is that they must be ordered from the special order form which accompanied the sale catalog. Therefore, I will accept your individual orders and enter the combined order on that special form. Those specific books I think may be of interest to our members are as follows:

GREEN GOLD HARVEST: A History of Logging and Its Products, Whatcom Museum of History and Art 1972. 78 pp. List: paper, $5.00; sale $2.50

ALASKA-YUKON PLACE NAMES, James W. Phillips, 1973. 172 pp. List: $10.00; sale $3.00

WASHINGTON STATE PLACE NAMES, James W. Phillips, 1971. 186 pp.
List: cloth $10.00; sale $5.00
List: paper $4.95; sale $2.48

Your orders will be accepted until May 20. Send a check or money order, made out to Duane H. Feisel, to me at P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022 for the total amount of the books you order plus $1.00 for postage and handling charge.

The catalogue warns that supplies are limited, and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment will be refunded for out of stock books. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery (which means by the time they reach me and are sent out to you, there will be an extra four weeks or so for mail delivery).

SS REX TOKENS: - I am still looking for help on these items--I need rubbings, photographs or loan of the tokens for illustrations in an article I am preparing. I did get some unexpected help from John Nicolosi who sent me a rubbing of a 5¢ S.S. Yale token. - DHF

= STILL MORE ON THE CLOCK TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

The article on the token dispensing clock which appeared in the December 1977 issue of the LEDGER continues to spark interest among our members.

Dave Bowers writes to inform us that a company in which he has ownership interest, American International Galleries of Irvine, CA, sold one of those clocks (without any tokens!) for about $900 three or four months ago.

Having visited quite a few antique shows since the article was submitted, I have inquired among the clock dealers about a token dispensing clock, but I have not found anyone who knew anything about such a device except those few who had read the article when it appeared originally in a clock magazine.

Earlier on I wrote about the tokens I thought might be used with with the dispensing clock, and now they are illustrated. Steve Alpert commented on these tokens in the February 1978 issue of the LEDGER, and now John Nicolosi writes to inform us that he has the Auto Cash Dis. Mach. token in the 5¢ value, solid, aluminum, with the same number (884) as the piece shown here.

Does anyone else have anything to add?

PHOTO REPRODUCTIONS: - Buoyed by the appearance of the reproduction of the photographic postcard view of the Johnnie Mine, Colorado, accompanying the article in the previous issue of the LEDGER, I decided to try some photos of tokens and medals for this issue. The cost of doing this is somewhat higher than utilizing the rubbings as in the past, but I am hopeful that that will be offset by a much nicer printed appearance. Also, the use of these photographs should save me a lot of time. If things work out the way I think they will, perhaps we can have more photographs reproduced in future issues. - DHF

= WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA'S "ELEVATOR STORE" =

by Jim Rasmussen

Webster, South Dakota, came into being in 1881 and was named for J.P. Webster, whose homestead became the townsite as the railroad pushed on West.

Three old line grain elevators came into Webster, but they could not absorb all the grain as it poured in from the surrounding Day County farms--the excess grain was piled on the ground. In 1890, some of the farmers thought that they would order cars direct from the railroad; they did so, and loaded their own cars. They had no capital investment, or so the old line elevator operators thought, so if the farmers were going into the elevator business, they would go into the store business.

The elevator operators started a store called the "Elevator Store," with George Bartlett the first manager. It was run by the elevator operators until 1897 when C.P. Streisterback bought it. In the spring of 1901, the store was burnt to the ground. C.H. Chilson, Halvor Gunderson and E.G. Nerger purchased the lots on Main Street, put up a new building and renamed their new store "The Elevator Store." Eventually Gilson bought out his partners. Gilson's son, Herman, became manager in 1930.

I have three different denomination tokens from this business--5¢, 25¢ and $1.00, all aluminum. I am not sure if this is part of a set of five tokens (which is seen often) or is a short set as issued.

The information on this South Dakota business was obtained from a bulletin published by the South Dakota Historical Society. It was particularly intereresting to me since I was a resident of that state many years ago, and lived about 40 miles from Webster.

MORE ON THOSE TRADE MIRRORS: Larry Elman advises me that he did acquire one trade mirror from the Oberon Saloon, Eureka, Cal., and that its design is different from the three different examples I have from there. All these mirrors are of the same oval shape and size. Anyone else have a mirror from that business? - DHF

= MORE ON ORWOOD "TOKENS"

by Herb McCann

Tokens from Orwood????? Great Scott!!!!!

Thus was my reaction upon receiving the December 1977 issue of WESTERN TOKEN LEDGER.

'Twas the year 1928. I was three years old and living in the metropolis of Orwood. Now, there aren't many people, let alone token collectors, who can make that statement! Now with Walter Gerth's and WEST's efforts, I've got a reminder of that episode in my life, and with my folks help, have refreshed my memory.

I've also done some research that may add a little confusion as to the actual location of Orwood:

1906 Rand & McNally's "California Shippers Guide"
ORWOOD - San Joaquin County on east bank of Old River on AT&SF RR, 2 miles west of Middle River, 3 miles east of Bixler (map only)

1921 Clason's "California Green Guide"
ORWOOD - Contra Costa County - pop. 25

1921 R.G. Dunn's "Financial Reports"
ORWOOD - Contra Costa County (banking town Stockton)
C.P. Rasmussen - grocery business
J.C. Silveira - freight business

1925 Rider's "California Guide Book"
ORWOOD - Contra Costa County on west bank of Old River. Population 35.

1940 Japanese/American Directory
ORWOOD - (no geographical information)
13 different Japanese surnames
Brentwood PO Box and the same Stockton telephone number

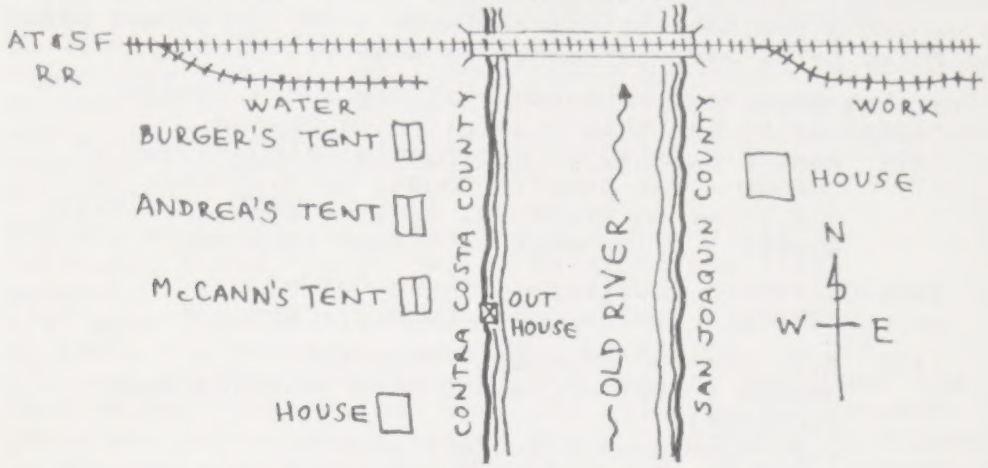
1971 "AAA Road Map" shows 'ORWOOD ROAD' parallel to AT&SF RR, dead ending on west bank of Old River

So, Orwood did, and may still, exist. I'll have to find out. The facts as my folks recall them make me wonder how this could be.

In 1928 AT&SF was rebuilding their trestle across Old River at Orwood. Upon completion of that, their next project was to the east on Middle River at the community of Middle River, but we didn't follow AT&SF to that project.

Orwood consisted then of two permanent houses, three tents, two out houses and two railroad sidings. The siding on the east bank was for AT&SF's work train which housed a few minority workers. The siding on the west bank was for parking temporarily a tank car of drinking water for Orwood.

The two houses were apparently resident farmers for the asparagus crops. We lived in the third tent. One of the out houses was built by my dad to hang out over the water. This may have been pollution, but there were no such thing as Environmental Impact Reports fifty years ago! Our tent was 16X20 feet, had a wood floor, kerosene stove and lamps (all of which stunk), some orange crate furniture, an iron bed and my crib. When the wind blew, which was often, that tent flapped, shuddered and sounded something awful!



Once a week there was a "toot-toot" on the river as Rasmussen's floating grocery store came to replenish the cupboards (orange crates in our case) of Orwood. The "store" was on the order of an enclosed tug boat as my mom remembers its. There was only one way to get from ship to shore, and that, as my fifty year old memory says, was a 2X4 plank that bounced with every step as I help onto my mother's skirt with a woeful "Careful, mama! Careful, mama!" as we crossed over that watery abyss. My folks say that it was two 2x12's with cross cleats which, according to the tide, was either up or down from the "store" to the levee where the "town" was situated. Once inside, all I can recall is my nose coming just to counter height. Mom says their store was pretty well stocked.

Since we weren't in the higher inclome brackets (my dad was a carpenter--"flunky" he says), we didn't get to indulge in the friviolities such as soda water to which the "tokens" were related. There I was, and now fifty years later I get a token by a quirk of fate.

I remember taking my dad's lunch to him on the bridge and looking down through the railway ties at the water below. Mon says I helped carry water in a bucket from the tank car to our home. Just as an additional tid-bit, we were the proud owners then of a 1922 "convert-ible" Chevrolet touring car which had made a round trip to Joplin, Missouri, which was my dad's home town.

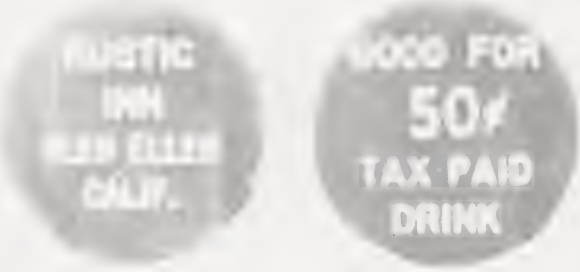
= NOTES ON SOME SONOMA COUNTY, CA, TOKENS =
by Stephen Album

1. Jim Carroll's Shanty, South Santa Rosa (Son 84A). This token dates from the early 1950's, and was already unavailable when I obtained the later pieces, inscribed Carroll's Corner Tavern, Santa Rosa (Son 77 J & K) (K is earlier, struck by Wendell's in late 1950's, J by Meyer & Wenthe, probably about 1962). It was still so named in the current phone book (October 1977), but is now called EJ's, after changing hands. No tokens as yet are known with the new name.

2. Johnson's Russian River Beach (75A). I've always been somewhat skeptical of this piece, but am now confident, for much to my surprise, Johnson's Russian River Beach is still in business, and is located just next to Guerneville. The tokens are from the mid-1920's, according to a Sonoma County postcard collector I met at a recent flea market.

3. Hotel del Cazadero (18A). The old hotel building in Cazadero, possibly the same as the Hotel Del Cazadero which put out this token circa 1900, was burned to the ground a few months ago, the victim of a firebomb arsonist who also destroyed several stores in Guerneville. The old building, still a tavern, was more than a century old, and a designated historical landmark. The arsonists have been caught, and are soon to come to trial (the charge is murder, since one person died in the Guerneville fire), but

nothing will replace the loss of the old structure. The owners will rebuild, they aver, and hope to be able to match the old architecture as closely as present-day building codes allow.



4. Also victim to fire, a couple years ago, was the old Rustic Inn in Glen Ellen, once the hangout of novelist Jack London, but most recently frequented by motorcycle types, and scene of several brawls and knifings. The tavern had once used plastic tokens (38A), but these were already obsolete when I obtained one from the bartender about 1964 or 1965. Attempts to locate further specimens proved fruitless, even as early as 1966 or 1967. The building site remains vacant, most of the debris having been cleared away. Although Glen Ellen was once quite an active community, with numerous saloons, no old tokens have yet been discovered, and no more moderns are known.

5. The old Occidental Hotel recently had an engagement with the wrecker's ball, part of Santa Rosa's ambitious redevlopment project. The hotel, in its present, or I should say, last form, dated to the 1920's, but an earlier structure on the same site, little different in appearance dated to the 1880's or so, and was the issuer of a Brunswick Balke type token (Son 77AV). From the early 1890's until some time in the 1920's, the hotel was known as the Overton, and postcards are common with that name, rather scarcer with the name Occidental (which would be later cards!).

= BUENA VISTA OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY =

by Duane H. Feisel

For some time I have owned a maverick token suspected to be from California, and now that suspicion has been confirmed. The token is brass, 19 mm, is inscribed EMPLOYEES CLUB / P.O. CO. / SECT. 35-B and is GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN TRADE.

A reply from the State of California--Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, states: "We have determined that this token was used by Pacific Oil Company employees in the Buena Vista Oil Field, in Kern County. P.O. CO. stands for Pacific Oil Company which later became Standard Oil Company of California." The letter also suggested I contact a retired Standard Oil Company employee living in Taft for more details.

I wrote this man a letter, but never did receive a reply. Finally, I picked up the telephone, called him, and enjoyed a lengthy conversation with him. The Buena Vista Oil Field is located about two miles northwest of the town of Taft. When tokens were used in the 1920's, there was a club house, cook house, bunk house and five or six homes located on the site. All that remains there today are oil derricks.

Next time I am in the Taft area, I plan to try to locate the site of the Buena Vista Oil Field and to visit with my contact there so he can see some of the tokens I have from that vicinity. Perhaps I will even bring along my postcards of Kern County!

ADMIRAL DEWEY EXHIBIT: - One of the foremost collectors of Admiral Dewey exonumia is WESTS member O.L. "Wally" Wallis. Some of us heard him speak on the subject at the 1977 spring CSNA show and saw his exhibit then, and others may have seen his special exhibit at the CSNA show just past. Now Wally has another interesting display in the Navy and Marine Corps Museum on Treasure Island. This display does not contain much in the way of exonumia, but does have other relics of Admiral Dewey contained in three large cases and an 8' tall circular display case. If you want to see it, now is the time as Wally is not sure for how long the exhibit will be on display. - DHF

TOKEN-HUNTING IN WEST CONTRA COSTA:
EL SOBRANTE BAR TOKENS

by Jerry F. Schimmel

Optimistically this piece will be the first of a series over the next months to cover tokens in current usage from the towns of the western part of Contra Costa County in California. Towns I eventually expect to "survey" will be Crockett, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Pinole, Point Richmond, Richmond, Rodeo, and San Pablo. My list below of El Sobrante tokens is complete to the best of my knowledge as of April 1978, so that my experience there seems to be an easy place to start.

Collecting local tokens serves me several purposes besides that of improving my collection. I get souvenirs from a locale in which I have become interested (I have a lady friend in the vicinity), I get to explore a town in somewhat more detail than ordinarily, I meet interesting people (sometimes), and get to have a few beers in pleasant (usually) surroundings while doing it. El Sobrante is a fairly new town, fast becoming another San Francisco suburb; it is also small and easy to survey, although token-hunting always takes a bit of work. I found 14 modern plastic tokens not previously listed by Album.

Where you can get El Sobrante tokens:

The Capri Club, 4156 Appian Way (1 token)
Clancy's, 3742 San Pablo Dam Road (2 tokens)
The Horse Shoe Club, 400 Valley View Road (4 tokens)
P.J.'s, 3721 San Pablo Dam Road (2 tokens)
Ralph's, 5075 Appian Way (4 tokens)
The Rancho Tavern, 3912 San Pablo Dam Road (1 token)

It's not hard to find the above bars. They are all strung along a route through the town on Appian Way and San Pablo Dam Road. Start on Interstate 80 at either the Appian Way or San Pablo Dam exits, follow these roads, and turn only at the intersection of both. Ralph's and the Horse Shoe are near the intersection of Appian Way and Valley View Road (ignore Sunny's and the Lion Inn - no tokens). The Capri is near the intersection of Appian and San Pablo Dam Road. Clancy's, P.J.'s, and The Rancho are strung out along several blocks between Appian and El Portal along the Dam Road.

Previous listings:

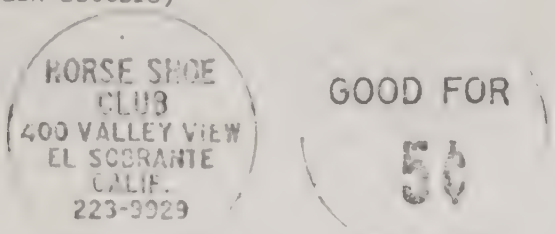
The car wash token (#308) was unavailable from the change machine the day I was there and is probably out of use. The Capri aluminum (#30A) and three Horse Shoe plastics (30C,D,E) were also unavailable. Perhaps a later check with the owners will turn up some of them. Here is what I found:

Pg 32 n/n (white letters)
CAPRI / CLUB / 4156 APPIAN WAY / EL SOBRANTE / CALIF.
Good For / One / Drink

Pe 28 n/n (white letters)
CLANCYS (sic) / 3742 DAM RD. / EL SOBRANTE / CALIF.
Good / For 50¢ In / Trade

Pr 28 n/n (white letters)
Good / For 70¢ In / Trade

Pw 28 n/n (black letters)



HORSE SHOE / CLUB / 400 VALLEY VIEW / EL SOBRANTE /
CALIF. / 223-9929
Good For / 5¢

Pb 28 n/n (white letters)
Good For / One / 75¢ / Drink

Pg 32 n/n (white letters)
Good For / 1 Draft / Beer

Pe 32 n/n (white letters)
Good For / One / Beer

Pe 32 n/n (white letters)
P.J.'S / AND / MR. F.'S
Good For / One / Beer

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Good For / One / Drink

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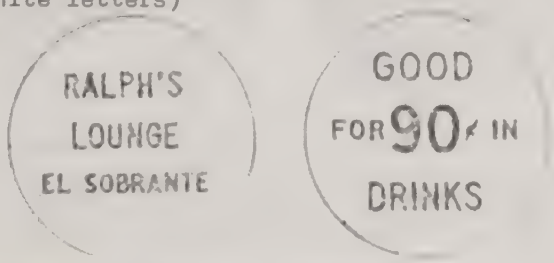

RALPH'S / LOUNGE / EL SOBRANTE
Good / For 65¢ In / Drinks

Pb 28 n/n (white letters)
Good / For 70¢ In / Drinks

Pr 28 n/n (white letters)
Good / For 85¢ In / Drinks

Pw 28 n/n (black letters)
Good / For 90¢ In / Drinks

Pr Sq n/n (32 mm, white letters)
WELCOME TO / RANCHO / TAVERN / EL SOBRANTE, CAL. /
GOOD FOR ONE / WELL DRINK
(blank)

= MORE ON THE LONDON BRIDGE-LAKE HAVASU DOLLARS =

by Duane H. Feisel

In the December 1977 issue of the LEDGER I provided some information about the series of tokens/medals issued by the Rotary Club of Lake Havasu City, AZ. Much of that information was second hand, incomplete and, in part, inaccurate. Now I have more and better data available.

The London Bridge, built in 1831 to span the River Thames in London, England, was dismantled piece-by-piece and moved to a man-made channel of the Colorado River in Lake Havasu City; it was opened to traffic in October 1971. In honor of that event, the London Bridge Rotary Club of Lake Havasu City issued the first in a series of "Havasu Dollars."

The "Havasu Dollar" is accepted in trade for $1 by cooperating businesses in Lake Havasu City. A new token is issued each October, and is valid in trade through the next October when it becomes obsolete and part of a collectors series no longer available individually for one dollar. The "Havasu Dollar" program is a major fund raising program of the London Bridge Rotary Club, and all proceeds from this program are used for community programs or distributed to charitable organizations.

The initial issue in 1971 is 1-5/16" diameter, nickel silver composition, plain edge, depicting the London Bridge spanning the channel of the Colorado River; the reverse carries a legend pertaining to the trade value of the piece.

Something quite different was made for the 1972 issue; a cast pewter, antiqued finish, reeded edge, 1-1/8" diameter, and quite thick. The obverse design was similar

to that used in 1971, but the reverse design was changed to incorporate the Rotary Club emblem altered to include information about the trade value of the piece.

The 1973 and 1974 issues are quite similar in that both are 1-5/16" diameter showing the same view of the London Bridge on the obverse, and a similar reverse showing the modified Rotary Club emblem as in 1972. The 1973 issue is in antiqued bronze with plain edge, while the 1974 token is antiqued nickel silver, reeded edge.

The 1975 issue was redesigned completely. Of 1-1/2" diameter, the reeded edge copper token has a Bicentennial theme showing an eagle design over a view of the Bridge on the obverse, and the Liberty Bell, Rotary emblem and appropriate inscription on the reverse. For this year only, a special issue of 1,000 pieces was struck in .999 fine silver.

A Bicentennial flavor also applied to the 1976 issue which shows the London Bridge and the English Village complex located near one end of the Bridge, on the obverse, with an eagle, Rotary Club emblem and inscription on the reverse. For this year, the size was changed to 1-9/16" diameter, the metal is golden bronze and the edge is reeded.

These first six pieces in the series, all now obsolete, are available only as a set housed in a hinged plastic display box, at a cost of $9.00 which includes postage and handling. While the supply lasts, the limited edition .999 fine silver 1975 issue is priced at $15.00.

The seventh token in the series, issued in October 1977, shows yet another view of the Bridge and the Village on the obverse, and an inscription on the reverse. The 1-9/16" diameter piece, made of nickel silver, has a reeded edge. It is available until October 1978 for $1.25 which includes postage and handling.

Orders should be sent to London Bridge Rotary Club, Havasu Dollars Program Director, P.O. Box 549, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403.

Designer of the tokens/medals and director of the program for the Rotary club is Arthur P. Tuberman, who we welcome as a new member of our Society.

GASOLINE DISPENSING TOKENS: - We were meant to have an article this time on gasoline tokens, but it has been recalled for additional entries. Hopefully it will be ready for the next issue. If so, it will serve as the cornerstone article. In the meanwhile, your literary contributions to the LEDGER are invited. In the past months there has been excellent response from some of our members, and I think we can all agree that the wide variety subjects represented in the articles has made for interesting reading. But don't stop now! - DHF

WORD PROCESSING: - Much of the material for this issue has been prepared on word processing equipment which I am using at Foothill Junior College, located only a few minutes away from my home. I expect to be using this word processing equipment for future issues as well.

The word processing equipment I am using is made by Wang Computer Company. It consists of a typewriter keyboard (with a few extra keys) coupled with a television screen, a mini-computer and a printer. When typing, instead of printing directly on paper, the material is displayed on the television screen. It is very simple to make corrections, additions, rearrangements, etc., without having to do a lot of retyping. Once the copy is as you want it, a button is pushed and the printer goes to work to turn out a typed page--error free--in about 35 seconds.

The material can also be stored on a floppy magnetic disc (about the size of a 45 RPM record) which holds 120 pages. At any future time, the disc can be inserted in the mini-computer and any part of the information stored on the disc can be recalled for whatever editing is desired. This is the perfect way to do cataloguing where new information is to be added. For the cataloguer, it is difficult enough to get the information correctly down on paper without having to do it again whenever a new edition of the listing is desired. In my opinion, any catalogue where future revised editions are expected should be done on word processing equipment of the type I am using (there is other word processing equipment of lesser capability).

The machine also has a number of interesting features. For example, you don't have to do a carriage return at the end of a line as on a typewriter--you just keep on typing and the machine arranges the lines! Another useful feature is that you can instruct the machine to look for particular words or phrases. If there was a listing of merchant tokens, for example, and one wanted to compile a separate listing of only saloon tokens, you can tell the machine to search through all the data recorded and find all the occurances of the word SALOON. The operator can then copy out those listings and put them in a special listing.

The machine has a very powerful shorthand capability. I can set up my own shorthand in advance, and then with only two keystrokes, I could automatically call up as much as a full page. For example, I could set things up so that the phrase "Good For / 5¢ / In Trade" could be placed on the screen by hitting only two keys!

All these features increase productivity greatly, and make the job of preparing copy much easier. Also, the final printed copy is error free (if the proofreading is done capably!). I sure wish I could afford to own one of these systems which costs about $12,000. - DHF

[illegible], Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog, published by the authors, 1978 (distributed by [illegible] Ltd., Waterfront Village, Honolulu HI 96825), hardbound, 96 pp., illustrated throughout text, $10.00.

(copies may be ordered, postpaid, from Paul Koppenhaver, P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys CA 91408)

This volume comprises the most comprehensive catalog of Hawaiian numismatic items yet to appear, perhaps twice as complete as any previous catalog. Included in the listings are coins, paper money, tokens of several types, elongateds, encasements, ingots, medals, orders and decorations. Each category is listed separately, and separately numbered, together with an identifying prefix (e.g. EN for encased coins, WT for wooden tokens, etc.). Paper money is priced in two grades, coins in 6 grades, most tokens and medals in one grade. Both tokens and medals are listed alphabetically, but the commemoratives are arranged alphabetically by the initial word of the inscription on the obverse (with the exception that THE is ignored). This is confusing, as the following example shows: no. MD-107 is a commemorative of the Ahualoa Land Bank struck in 1976, bearing the bust of King Kamehameha I on the "obverse" (for the medal, I would prefer to call the bust side the reverse), and is alphabetically included under KAMEHAMEHA.

Illustrations are sparse (except for the paper money & coins), and all too frequently limited to one face of the piece only. Only about 10-15% of the tokens and medals are shown. However, the photos are generally of excellent quality.

From what little I know of the Hawaiian market, the pricing seems to be in line with current values, with a few exceptions I recognize. The school tokens, at least the common pieces, seem much higher than I would have thought, given the great difficulty I had in selling a batch of them at far lower prices last year.

All in all, the book is a commendable job, well worth a place on every American exonumist's shelves.

R.C. BELL, Unofficial Farthings 1820-1870, 1975, [illegible] Ltd., Audley House, 10 & 11 Margaret Street, London W1N 8AT, clothbound, 248 pages, £12 (about $22.50 at current exchange).

Mr. Bell is surely one of the great figures in British exonumia. To date, he has published four books on the token issues of the period 1784-1819, each of which is a comprehensive numismatic study of its respective subject, as well as a useful catalog. That same level of scholarship has been achieved in the present volume.

The book lists all the known farthing-sized tokens, struck by private merchants during the years 1820 through 1870, i.e., after

the 1818 proscription of tradesmen's tokens. The reason for the 1870 terminal date is nowheres stated in the volume, a surprising omission, given the ordinarily thorough scholarship of the author.

Tokens of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are listed, in that order, alphabetically by county within each, and alphabetically by place of issue within each county. A comprehensive index of both issuers and places is provided at the back of the book. Each listing includes the description of the obverse, reverse, and edge, an estimation of rarity, a catalog number, and a cross-reference to earlier catalogs, notably that of D.T. Batty. Wherever possible, a photograph of the token is inserted above the listing. The photos are drawn mostly from the author's collection, though several other collectors contributed as well. Mr. Bell reiterates the probable incompleteness of the catalogue, and hopes some day to publish an addendum or a second edition.

One should observe that the listings are divided into two sections, one comprising the issues of 1820-1838, the other from 1838-1870 (i.e., falling within the reign of Queen Victoria, whose bust adorns the obverse of many of the tokens). This distinction is really quite artificial, and serves to make the catalog somewhat more cumbersome to use, especially as the second section is separately numbered. Thus Co. Limerick No.1 could be iether the J. Egan token on p.19 (Batty 1548), or the D. O'Brien token on p. 196 (Batty 1547A).

Copious historical data and explanatory notes follow many of the listings. Diesinkers and manufacturers are identified wherever possible, and attempts are made to date many of the pieces. Unidentified mavericks are listed at the end of each section, and there is an addendum of new pieces discovered while the manuscript was in preparation and of pieces not personally examined by the author.

The layout and printing of the book are of excellent quality. The Seaby firm has been in the numismatic publishing business for some forty years, and has achieved a well-deserved reputation for quality work. This volume is superbly done, and a model for other cataloguers.

One word of caution. The book is offered at a much higher price (about $32) in the United States, but may be ordered directly from the published at the British price, plus about $1.50 for shipping costs. The differential is due primarily to the fact that the American book industry operates on higher profit margins than its British counterpart, and the increase was needed to give American distributors and dealers their customary discount.

Members are allowed a free six-line ad in each issue. A different ad must be submitted each time. Please put your ad on a separate piece of paper, and do not include it as part of a letter. Please submit it as far as possible in advance of the publication deadline. Next issue deadline is June 15.

WILLIGES HAS PAID cash for 5,027 tokens and medals this year. Many more collections and accumulations needed.
Bill Williges P.O. Box 445 Wheatland, CA 95692

ANCIENT SHEKEL REPLICA appears as collectible exonumia in a series of tokens: Series I - John 3:16, Living Bible; Series II, Psalms 19:10, King James; Series III - Matthew 7:8, Living Bible. Sample: 35¢ postpaid. 11 more issue coming through 1983 each May & November.
Scripture Tokens 1528 SE 151 Ave. Portland, OR 97233

WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE or trade for Utah, Nevada, Idaho & Arizona trade tokens.
David L. Freed Box 2009 Salt Lake City, UT 84110

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"Rare & Expensive Postcards," Kaduck. History, pricing, index. 8½"x11", soft cover. Reg. $6.95--special $5.60

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Orders close May 20. Send check for amount of order plus $1 for postage and handling.
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

WANTED--SLOT MACHINE tokens with the name Caille, Mills, Pace, Watling, Jennings only. No amusement types.
Phil Balkan 5860 Tobias Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91411

GOOD FOR ONE TUNE and other nickel-size tokens relating to pianos and automatic musical instruments from all states wanted, pre-1930 issues only. Also desire early tokens of motion picture theatres, vaudeville theaters, opera houses, all states. Also tokens from Colorado mining towns.
Dave Bowers Box 1669 Beverly Hills, CA 90210

WANT TO TRADE tokens from Nevada, California, Arizona and Utah for Nevada trade tokens.
W. V. Wright 220 South Bruce Las Vegas, NV 89101

WANTED: NEVADA--CALIFORNIA trade tokens. Buy or trade.
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Ave. Stockton, CA 95204

Calendar of Coming Events

MAY 20 - Saturday: Regional WESTS meeting, together with Bay Area Token Society, at home of Ron Lerch, 2901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, CA. Noon 'til 5 PM

JUNE 3 - Saturday: Paul Koppenhaver auction of exonumia in conjunction with the Long Beach Stamp & Coin Exhibit, Long Beach Auditorium, Long Beach, CA. Auction begins at 1:30 PM.

JUNE 25 - Sunday: Regional WESTS meeting, Hawthorne, Nevada, at Convention Center. Room available starting at 9 AM--meet until 5 PM. Saturday arrivals suggested to stay at El Capitan.

JUNE 15 - Thursday: Copy deadline for June issue of the LEDGER.

JULY 16 - Sunday: Regional WESTS meeting, together with Bay Area Token Society, at home of Duane H. Feisel, Los Altos, CA. Noon to 5 PM. (Please note change in date as announced previously.)

JULY 31 - Sunday: California Exonomist Society 17th Annual Collectibles Show, Holiday Inn, Fullerton, Cal., 10 AM to 5 PM. Co-chairmen: Al & Virginia Hall.

OCTOBER 28 - Saturday: Regional WESTS meeting in conjunction with the 63rd sem-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association, Airport Marina Hotel, Lincoln at Manchester, Los Angeles, CA. Details to be announced later. CSNA Convention to be held October 27-28-29. Meeting details to be announced later.

POSTCARD COLLECTORS: - Postcard collectings seems to be a popular collateral hobby with many members of our Society. Among those I know to collect postcards are: James Andrews, Bary Bender, Dave Bowers, Duane Feisel, Ralph Lea, Ron Lerch, Bob Marvin, Herb McCann, Dale Noll, Jim Rasmussen, John Reynolds, Jere Runciman, Terry Trantow, Clay Welty and W.V. Wright. There are sure to be some names I missed, or do not know that they collect postcards. Let me know if you do, and I'll mention your name. - DHF

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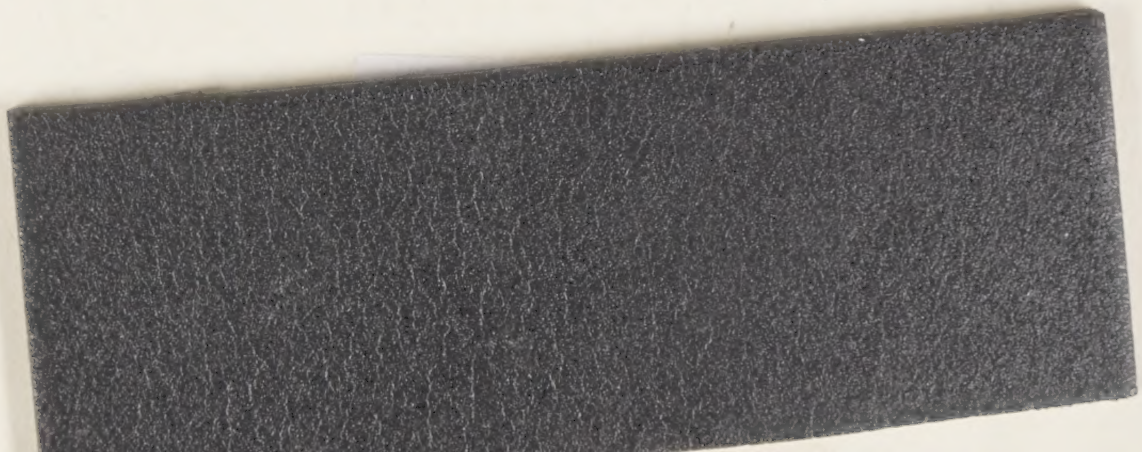
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